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BEFORE THE
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WISCONSIN

Application of Wisconsin Gas Company, as a Natural Gas
Public Utility, for Authority to Construct Natural Gas Facilities
in Dunn and St. Croix Counties, Wisconsin

6650-CG-205

**NOTICE OF PROCEEDING,
INVESTIGATION, AND ASSESSMENT OF COSTS**

THIS IS A PROCEEDING to consider the January 9, 2001, application of Wisconsin Gas Company (WGC) for authority under Wis. Stat. § 196.49 and Wis. Admin. Code § PSC 133.03 to construct natural gas facilities in Dunn and St. Croix Counties, Wisconsin.

WGC is a public utility as defined in Wis. Stat. § 196.01(5)(a), with its principal office in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. WGC engages in the business of distributing and selling natural gas in areas throughout Wisconsin.

WGC proposes to construct approximately 24 miles of 8-inch steel gas main. The new gas main will allow WGC to reinforce its existing distribution system and to provide new transportation services as an intrastate pipeline. A new meter station in the town of Kinnickinnic and upgrading the existing Baldwin gate station are also proposed. The proposed new gas main would be constructed within existing road rights-of-way. The estimated cost of the new facilities is \$3,357,902.

The new intrastate pipeline service would allow customers to transport gas supplies to the town of Kinnickinnic from the existing Boyceville meter station in the town of Tiffany, Dunn County. WGC indicates in the application that three natural gas public utilities have signed contracts to transport gas over the proposed facilities, Northern States Power Company (Wisconsin), Midwest Gas Inc., and St. Croix Valley Natural Gas Company. WGC's application includes a proposed tariff for this service.

The general location of the proposed route is shown on the attached map.

This is a Type II action under Wis. Admin. Code § PSC 4.10(3). It consequently requires the preparation of an environmental assessment to determine whether an environmental impact statement is necessary under Wis. Stat. § 1.11. Persons wishing to comment on environmental aspects of the proposed project should contact Michael John Jaeger, Public Service Commission of Wisconsin, P.O. Box 7854, Madison, WI 53707-7854, (608) 267-2546.

NOTICE IS GIVEN that the Commission considers it necessary, in order to carry out its duties, to investigate all books, accounts, practices, and activities of the applicant. The expenses incurred or to be incurred by the Commission which are reasonably attributable to such an investigation will be assessed against and collected from the applicant in accordance with the provisions of Wis. Stat. § 196.85 and Wis. Admin. Code ch. PSC 5.

The Commission does not discriminate on the basis of disability in the provision of programs, services, or employment. Any person with a disability who needs accommodations to participate in this proceeding or who needs to obtain this document in a different format should contact the case coordinator listed below.

Questions regarding this matter may be directed to case coordinator Michael John Jaeger at (608) 267-2546.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin, _____

By the Commission:

Lynda L. Dorr
Secretary to the Commission

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